



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 16th, 2020 4:45 pm  
Minnesota Transitions Charter School District Office  
2872, 26th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55406

PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTE 13D.021, AND THE CURRENT STATE OF EMERGENCY IN MINNESOTA DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE BOARD CHAIR AND CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL FOR MTCS HAVE DETERMINED THAT IT IS NOT PRUDENT TO CONDUCT AN IN-PERSON MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD, NOR IS IT FEASIBLE TO ALLOW ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO BE PRESENT AT THE REGULAR MEETING LOCATION IN ORDER TO ATTEND THE MEETING. ALL MEMBERS WILL PARTICIPATE BY ELECTRONIC MEANS. THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020, WILL MEET VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE MEETING BY DO SO BY REGISTERING AT THE WEBSITE BELOW:

**Please register for this meeting at  
Please register for this meeting at <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/vp0lc-qhrz4u82k8VeWv>**

1. Call to order at 5:08 pm, by Martin Lukaszewski
2. Pledge of Allegiance, led by Martin Lukaszewski
3. MTCS Mission Statement: We are a student-centered learning community that inspires and supports all learners to achieve excellence through equitable, relevant, learning experiences.
4. Roll call and noting of quorum (*Roll by Voice - 9 current members, 5 constitutes quorum*). Role call and voting to be completed in the following order:

**Gwen Jackson**, Community member (present)

**Julie Starkey**, Parent (present)

**Jacob Hinz**, *Teacher (present)*

**Kelly Nyberg**, Teacher (present)

**Ismail Hajii**, *Teacher (present)*

**Renee Smetana**, Secretary Treasurer (present)

**Britta Hagstrom**, Vice-Chair (present)

**Martin Lukaszewski**, Board Chair (present)

**Wendy Lorenz-Walraven**, Licensed Social Worker, teacher (absent)

Also present:

Kristi Thao

Jenny Buck

5. Approval of agenda

*Britta Hagstrom moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Renee Smetana, roll call voice vote to approve, Gwen Jackson, Julie Starkey, Jacob Hinz, Kelly Nyberg, Ismail Hajji, Renee Smetana, Britta Hagstrom, Martin Lukaszewski vote yes, motion approved 8-0.*

6. Open forum/public comment

No public comments

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the March. Board Minutes
- b. Accounts Payable
- c. HR new hires, resignations, terminations

*Jacob Hinz moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Kelly Nyberg, roll call voice vote to approve, Gwen Jackson, Julie Starkey, Jacob Hinz, Kelly Nyberg, Ismail Hajji, Renee Smetana, Britta Hagstrom, Martin Lukaszewski vote yes, motion approved 8-0.*

8. Reports - School Community

- a. No reports--to resume post stay at home order

9. Reports - Board

- a. Financial report
  - i. April Finance Committee Meeting report made by Renee Smetana and Scott Marine
- b. Superintendent - (Report) Brian Erlandson
- c. Board Committee reports to resume post stay at home order
  - i. Executive - Minutes from Executive Committee Meeting of 11 March 2020
  - ii. Academic - Cancelled
  - iii. Policy - Cancelled
  - iv. Compensation - Cancelled
  - v. Diversity and Equity--this group did meet and discussed how we are meeting the needs as a District

10. Action Items

- a. Approval of MTCS Cady maintenance company

*Motion to approve Cady as our maintenance company made by Kelly Nyberg, seconded by Gwen Jackson, roll call voice vote to approve, Gwen Jackson, Julie Starkey, Jacob Hinz, Kelly Nyberg, Ismail Hajii, Renee Smetana, Britta Hagstrom, Martin Lukaszewski vote yes, motion approved 8-0.*

- b. Approval of Board Statement regarding Minneapolis gap funding (Motion of support for the charter schools, authorizers, and community organizations letter of concern regarding funding of Stable Homes Stable Schools Minneapolis)  
*Motion to support the letter to Mayor Frey made by Renee Smetana, seconded by Kelly Nyberg, roll call voice vote to approve, Gwen Jackson, Julie Starkey, Jacob Hinz, Kelly Nyberg, Ismail Hajii, Renee Smetana, Britta Hagstrom, Martin Lukaszewski vote yes, motion approved 8-0.*
- c. Approval of new positions for 2020-2021 programming.  
*Motion to approve made by Renee Smetana seconded by Ismail Hajii, roll call voice vote to approve, Gwen Jackson, Julie Starkey, Jacob Hinz, Kelly Nyberg, Ismail Hajii, Renee Smetana, Britta Hagstrom, Martin Lukaszewski vote yes, motion approved 8-0.*
- d. Teacher appreciation discussion

#### 11. Discussions

- a. Coronavirus most recent updates made by Brian Erlandson and Martin Lukaszewski
- b. Board meeting May 28
- a. Best practices regarding graduation and Board and administrative succession

#### 12. Closed Session: Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13D.05, subdivision 3(a), the Board will go into closed session to evaluate the performance of an individual subject to its authority. At the next open board meeting, we will summarize the conclusions regarding the evaluation.

*Motion to approve made by Renee Smetana seconded by Jacob Hinz, roll call voice vote to approve, Gwen Jackson, Julie Starkey, Jacob Hinz, Kelly Nyberg, Ismail Hajii, Renee Smetana, Britta Hagstrom, Martin Lukaszewski vote yes, motion approved 8-0.*

#### 13. CLOSED PORTION: (Hearing is recorded on Zoom where the Board meeting was conducted.)

*Motion to return to open session made by Renee Smetana, seconded by Kelly Nyberg roll call voice vote to approve, Gwen Jackson, Julie Starkey, Jacob Hinz, Kelly Nyberg, Ismail Hajii, Renee Smetana, Britta Hagstrom, Martin Lukaszewski vote yes, motion approved 8-0.*

#### 14. Action Items #2

- a. Possible action based on the topics discussed in closed session.  
*Motion to approve the Superintendent's contract made by Renee Smetana, seconded by Jacob Hinz roll call voice vote to approve, Gwen Jackson, Julie Starkey, Jacob Hinz, Kelly Nyberg, Ismail Hajii, Renee Smetana, Britta Hagstrom, Martin Lukaszewski vote yes, motion approved 8-0.*

*b. Approval of Superintendent's new contract*

Motion to approve the Superintendent's contract made by Britta Hagstrom, seconded by Ismail Hajii *roll call voice vote to approve, Gwen Jackson, Julie Starkey, Jacob Hinz, Kelly Nyberg, Ismail Hajii, Renee Smetana, Britta Hagstrom, Martin Lukaszewski vote yes, motion approved 8-0.*

15. Adjourn at 6:56pm

*Motion to adjourn made by Britta Hagstrom, seconded by Kelly Nyberg.*